



COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF  
LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA AT 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination of Agreement  
operative at 31st December, 1957)

ADULT MALES

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
s. d.				
<u>COOPERING</u> -				
Cooper	338/-	40		Coopers Award - (Commonwealth)
<u>FURNITURE</u> -				
Cabinet Maker	342/-	"	) Tradesmen, or with	)
Chairmaker	342/-	"	) 2½ years experience	) Furnishing Trades
French Polisher	342/-	"	) in furnishing trade.	) (State) Award
Wood Carver	342/-	"	)	)
Wood Machinist	342/-	"	)	)
<u>SAWMILLING &amp; TIMBER YDS</u>				
Box and Case Maker	303/-	"		
Labourer	277/-	"	"Experienced", (i.e. with 3 months experience)	)
Machinist -				
Boults Carver	333/-	"	)	)
Moulding	333/-	"	) "A" Grade machinists	)
Planing	333/-	"	) i.e. tradesmen, or	) Timber Workers
Shaping	333/-	"	) with 4 years experience	) Award (Commonwealth)
Orderman	311/-	"		)
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	338/-	"	Log band sawyer	)
Circular	330/-	"	Cutting a depth of at least 7½ inches	)
Tallyman	306/-	"	Man who keeps and account of timber	)
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING</u> -				
Boilermaker	338/-	40		
Helper	286/-	"	Assisting an em- ployee whose margin is 27/6 or more	) Metal Trades - ) Award
Labourer	272/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience	) (Commonwealth)
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u>				
Electrical Mechanic	351/-	"		Electricians (State) Award
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY</u>				
Electrical Fitter	397/-	"	Includes 15/- Power Station Allowance	) Electricity
Instrument Maker	421/-	"	" " " "	) Commission Agree-
Linesman	382/-	"	"A" Grade	) ment (State)
Sub Station Maintenance Fitter	400/-	"		)

(a) Commonwealth-refers to awards of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration  
Commission. State-refers to awards of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales.  
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WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 31st DECEMBER, 1957 (Cont'd)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC. (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>	s. d.			
Blacksmith	340/6	40		)
Brassfinisher	338/-	"	Tradesman	)
Coppersmith	340/6	"		)
Fitter	338/-	"		)
Labourer	272/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience	)
Patternmaker	360/6	"		)
Shaper	338/-	"	Machinist 1st Class	)
Striker	290/6	"	On double fires	)
Turner	338/-	"		)
<u>FOUNDRY -</u>				)
Coremakers-machine	313/-	"	After 18 mths experience	)
Coremakers - jobbing	338/-	"		) Metal Trades
Dressers	310/6	"	Shot and Sand blast-not operating from outside a properly enclosed cabin	) Award
				) (Commonwealth)
Furnacemen	308/-	"	Cupola	)
Moulders - machine	313/-	"	After 18 mths experience	)
Moulders - jobbing	338/-	"		)
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING-</u>				)
Canister Maker	293/-	"	By Hand	)
Machinist	285/-	"	Power - not elsewhere specified	)
Solderer	285/-	"		)
Sheet metal worker 1st Class	338/-	"		)
Sheet metal worker 2nd Class	313/-	"		)
<u>FOOD, DRINK &amp; TOBACCO ETC.,</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	353/-	40		) Bakers (Cumber-
Ovensman	361/6	"		) land) Award. (State)
Single Hand	358/-	"		)
Bread Carter	330/-	"		) Bread Carters
				) (Cumberland)
				) Award (State)
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES)</u>				
Baker	321/-	"		) Biscuit and Cake
Labourer	288/6	"	Production line	) Makers
Mixer	308/6	"	Dough or Syrup	) (State Award.)
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	313/-	"		) The Liquor Trades
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	327/-	"		) (Breweries) Award
Labourer	313/-	"		) (Commonwealth)
Malt Hand	313/-	"		)
Towerman	320/-	"		)
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	306/-	"		) The Meat Industry
General Butcher	338/-	"	Acts as shopman or is principally engaged in cutting for window display	) (Shops & Small-
				) goods Factories)
				) Award (Commonwealth)
Shopman	338/-	"		)
Smallgoodsman	338/-	"	Employed principally on mixing machines and/or responsible for making smallgoods	)

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1957 (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>FOOD, DRINK &amp; TOBACCO ETC., (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>	s. d.			
Confectioner (Grade 1)	327/-	40	Highest grade	Confectioners State Award
Storeman	210/-	"		Storeman & Packers (Not elsewhere included) State Award.
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>				
General Labourer	282/-	"	with 4 months or more experience	) Food Preservers ) Award (Commonwealth)
Solderer	287/-	"		)
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Copper	328/-	"		)
Guillotine Hand	307/-	"		) Meat Preservers
Jokerman	321/-	"		) etc. (State)
Packer	307/-	"		) Award
Seamer	328/-	"		)
<u>MILLING (FLOUR)</u>				
Miller (Shift)	380/-	"	In charge of a shift in mill exceeding 10,000 lb. flour per hour.	) ) ) ) Flour Millers ) Award ) (Commonwealth)
Packerman	318/-	"		)
Purifierman	322/6	"		) (Commonwealth)
Smutterman	322/6	"		)
Storeman (Head)	333/-	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands	) ) )
Topman	322/6	"		)
<u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	303/-	"		) Pastrycooks etc.
Pastrycook	337/-	"		) (State) Award.
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
Clicker	312/-	40	Glicking outside (other than felt, fabric roans or splits)	Footwear Manufacturing Industry Award (Commonwealth)
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>				
Cutter	420/-	"	Cutting Suits to order other than chart.	Cutters, Merchant Tailors, etc. (Cumberland & Newcastle) Award (State).
Presser	315/-	"		)
Tailor	326/-	"		)
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)-</u>				
Cutter	331/-	"		) Clothing Trades ) Award
Presser	315/-	"		) (Commonwealth)
Tailor	326/-	"		)
Trimmer	315/-	"		)
<u>TEXTILE WORKING -</u>				
<u>(Woollen Mills) -</u>				
Carder	290/-	"	Balling-up card operator	) ) Textile Industry ) (Woollen & Worsted ) Section)
Dyehouseman	295/-	"		)
Labourer (General)	261/-	"		) Award
Scourer (Wool)	304/6	"	Responsible for mixing of liquor and working of bowls	) (Commonwealth)
Spinner	290/-	"		)
Loom Tiner	328/-	"	Jacquard loom after 2 years experience	) ) )
Warper (Plain)	293/-	"		)

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1957 (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>	s. d.			
Finisher	338/-	40		) Graphic Arts
Bookbinder	338/-	"		) Award -
Paper Ruler	338/-	"		) (Commonwealth)
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWS - PAPER)</u>				
Compositor (Machine)-				
Day Work	430/-	"		)
Night Work	450/-	"		)
Machinist (First Hand)-				)
Day Work	385/-	"		)
Night Work	405/-	"		) Printing Industry
Publisher -				) Employees (Sydney Daily
Day Work	360/-	"		) Newspapers - Truth &
Night Work	380/-	"		) Sportsman Ltd.)
Reader -				) Award (State).
Day Work	395/-	"		)
Night Work	415/-	"		)
Stereotypor -				)
Day Work	385/-	"		)
Night Work	405/-	"		)
<u>PRINTING (JOBING OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	360/6	"		)
Linotype Operator	360/6	"		)
Machinist	338/-	"	e.g. letterpress	) The Graphic
Reader	345/6	"	machinist	) Acts Award
Stereotypor	338/-	"		) (Commonwealth)
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	318/6	40	Down draught or open kilns	)
Pitman	333/6	"		) Brickmakers &
Drawer	340/6	"	Continuous Kilns	) Assistants
Trucker	329/-	"	Brick Wheeler	) (State) Award.
Setter	340/6	"		)
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	338/-	"		)
Labourer	266/-	"		)
Painter	330/6	"	Spray painter on coats other than priming	) Vehicle Industry
Springfitter	338/-	"		) Award
Trimmer	330/6	"	Sectional trimmer when working on bodies	) (Commonwealth)
Wheelwright	338/-	"		)
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	295/-	"	In retort house	) Gas Employees
Gasfitter	363/-	"		) Award (Commonwealth)
Labourer	306/-	"	Construction Gang	) Australian Gaslight
Meter Tester	318/-	"	After 12 months experience	) Company (Wages Division)
Service Layer	323/-	"		) (State) Award.
Service Layer's Labourer	292/-	"		)
Operator retort house	313/-	"	Vertical retort house	)
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	340/-	"	In precious metals	) Jewellers and
Mounter	355/-	"	) By hand, in precious	) Metal Badge
Setter	355/-	"	) Metals other than silver	) Workers (State)
				) Award

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1957 (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>LEATHER &amp; CANVAS WORK</u>	s. d.			
Canvas Worker	315/-	40	Requiring hand sewing of ropes using palm & needle	) The Saddlery ) Leather & Canvas ) Workers Award ) (Commonwealth).
Leather Worker	315/-	"	Clicker and/or hand cutter	)
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Beamsman	316/6	"		)
Labourer	286/6	"		)
Lime Jobber	314/6	"		) The Tanning ) Industry Award ) (Commonwealth)
Machinist - Shaving	324/-	"	New machine-double width (wet)	)
Splitting	341/6	"	Big splitting machines ex limes	)
Unhairing	316/6	"		)
Tableman	317/6	"		)
<u>BUILDING *</u>				
Bricklayer (Surface)	373/4	40		) Carpenters ) and Joiners ) & Bricklayers ) (State) Award
Bricklayer (Sewer & Tunnel)	393/4	"		) Stonemasons ) (State) Award.
Carpenter	381/8	"		)
Mason (Stone)	372/-	"		) Painters etc. ) (State) Award.
Painter	370/-	"		) Plasterers ) (State) Award.
Paperhanger	370/-	"		) Plumbers and Gas fitters ) (State) Award.
Signwriter	385/-	"		)
Plasterer (Surface)	378/4	"		)
Plumber	386/-	"		)
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	312/6	"	)	)
Carpenter's	312/6	"	) Builder's Labourers -	) Builders Labourers
Concrete Workers	312/6	"	) Ordinary	) (Construction on site)
Earth Excavator	312/6	"	)	) Award -
Gear Worker	323/4	"	) Builders Labourer's -	) (Commonwealth)
Scaffold Hand	323/4	"	) Skilled	)
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS</u>				
<u>Engine Driver Loco -</u>				
Steam, diesel				)
Electric or	405/-	Ø		)
Electric				)
Express Mail or				)
Passenger	420/-	Ø		) Locomotive
Shunting Engine	360/-	Ø		) Enginemen's ) Award
<u>Pipeman</u>				) (Commonwealth)
Ordinary	322/6	Ø		)
Express mail or				)
passenger	330/-	Ø		)
Shunting Engine	303/6	Ø		)
<u>Guard</u>				
1st Class	348/-	Ø		) Railway Traffic
2nd Class	324/-	Ø		) Permanent Way and
Porter	303/-	Ø		) Signalling Wages Staff ) Award - (Commonwealth)

\* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc. Ø 80 hours per fortnight.



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Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS (Cont'd.)</u>	s. d.			
Shunter -				
Head	408/-	+	Special class	)
Leading	366/6	+	Senior-first class	) Railway Traffic
Ordinary	324/-	+	After 2 years experience	) Permanent Way and
Signalman				) Signalling Wages Staff
1st Class	386/6	+		) Award - (Commonwealth)
2nd Class	371/6	ø		)
3rd Class	360/-	ø		)
<u>TRAMWAYS</u>				
Conductor -				
1st Year	295/-	ø		)
2nd Year and thereafter	310/-	ø		) N.S.W. Tramways and
Labourer	293/-	ø		) Omnibus
Track Repairer	306/-	ø	First Class	) Award -
Tram driver	322/6	ø		) (Commonwealth)
Pitman	322/6	ø		)
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
Carter -				
1 Horse	306/-	440		)
2 Horses	315/-	"		) Carters and
Stable Hand	306/6	"		) Motor Waggon
Motor Lorries and Waggon -				) Drivers
3 tons	333/-	"		) (State) Award
(Over 3 tons) but under 6 tons	346/6	"		)
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer ((per hour)	110/2			) Waterside
				) Workers Award -
				) (Commonwealth)
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	303/-	440		)
Billiard Marker	283/-	"		) Liquor Trades
Cook	378/-	"	First Cook - 18 or more persons employed in kitchen	) (Hotel & Wine Saloons) Award -
Handyman	283/-	"		) (Commonwealth)
Kitchenman	283/-	"		)
Porter	283/-	"		)
Waiter	283/-	"		)
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Hairdresser	340/-	"	Ladies' and Men's	) Male Hairdressers
				) (State) Award.
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	326/-	440	With Condenser	)
2nd Class	315/6	"	" "	) Engine Drivers
Fireman -				) & Firemen's
1st Class	308/-	"		) (General) Award
2nd Class	295/6	"		) (Commonwealth)
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>				
Labourer	333/-	"	Labourer - General	) Sydney City
Street Sweeper	339/-	"	Labourer - 3rd Grade	) Council Agreement
				) (State).

ø 80 hours per fortnight.

+ 76 hours per fortnight.

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Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>GENERAL LABOUR (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>	s. d.			
Boot Salesman	322/-	40	At 23 years of age & over )	) Shop Assistants ) etc. (Metropolitan) ) Award (State)
Drapery Salesman	322/-	"	" " " " " " " " )	
Furniture Salesman	322/-	"	" " " " " " " " )	
Grocery Salesman	322/-	"	" " " " " " " " )	
Hardware Salesman	322/-	"	" " " " " " " " )	
Men's Clothing Salesman	322/-	"	" " " " " " " " )	
<u>STOREMAN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	310/-	"		) Storeman & Packers
Storeman (General)	310/-	"		) (n.e.i.) Award (State).
<u>ADULT FEMALES</u>				
<u>FOOD</u>				
Biscuit Making	204/4	40	At 21 years of age & over	Biscuit & Cake
Confectionery	216/6	"		Makers (State) Award.
				Confectioners
				(State) Award.
<u>CLOTHING AND TEXTILES</u>				
Bootmaking	214/-	40		Footwear Manufacturing
				Award (Commonwealth)
Dressmaking -Ready-made-				)
Cutter	233/-	"		)
Millinery - Cutter	233/-	"		)
Shirt Making - Cutter	233/-	"		)
Underclothing - Cutter	233/-	"		)
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) -</u>				)
<u>ORDER -</u>				)
Coat Hand (Machinist)	233/-	"		) Clothing Trades
Trousers & Vest Hand	218/6	"		) Award (Common-
Tailoress	254/-	"		) wealth)
Adult Female	198/-	"		)
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) -</u>				)
<u>READYMADE -</u>				)
Coat Hand (Machinist)	221/6	"		)
Trousers & Vest Hand	215/6	"		)
Adult Female	198/-	"		)
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN</u>				
<u>MILLS</u>				
Comb Minder	212/-	"	After 6 months experience	) Textile Industry
Darner & Mender	217/-	"	" " " " "	) (Wooller &
Warper, Plain	214/-	"	" " " " "	) Worsted
Weaver, (Loom)	217/-	"	" " " " "	) Section) Award -
Gillbox Minder	210/-	"	" " " " "	) (Commonwealth)
Other Adult	196/-	"	" " " " "	)
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Folder	221/-	40		)
Sewer	221/-	"		)
<u>CARDBOARD BOX -</u>				)
Boxmaker	219/-	"	When boxes are covered with paper	)
Other	209/6	"		) Graphic Arts
<u>PRINTING -</u>				) Award
Jobbing Office Assistant	221/-	"		) (Commonwealth)
<u>HOTELS &amp; RESTAURANTS</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				)
Barmaid	234/6	40		)
Housemaid	214/-	"		) Liquor Trades
Laundress	215/-	"		) (Hotels & Wine
Waitress - Head	221/-	"		) Saloons) Award
Other	214/-	"		) (Commonwealth)

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1957 (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>HOTELS &amp; RESTAURANTS (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u>	s. d.			
Pantry Maid	210/-	40		) Restaurant etc.
Waitress	210/-	"		) Employees Award (State)
<u>SHOPS, ETC.</u>				
<u>CLERKS -</u>				
Cashiers (Shops)	234/6	40		) Shop Assistants ) etc. (Metro) ) Award - State ) Clerks (State) Award.
Clerical Assistants	227/6	"		
<u>SHOPS</u>				
Boot Saleswoman	322/-	"	Men's & Youths' footwear	) Shop Assist- ) ants etc. ) (Metropolitan) ) Award (State).
Drapery Saleswoman	322/-	"		
Fruit & Confectionery Saleswoman	234/6	"		) Shop Assist- ) ants, Confectioners, ) etc. (State) ) Shop Assistants etc. ) (Metropolitan) Award ) (State).
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	234/6	"		

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